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9 **BEFORE THE**  
**BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING**  
10 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**  
**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

11 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. *2013-639*

12 **CAROL LOUISE WEDGEWORTH**  
13 **1010 6th Street**  
**Bay City, Texas 77414**

**A C C U S A T I O N**

14 **Registered Nurse License No. 265968**

15 Respondent.

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17 Complainant alleges:

18 **PARTIES**

19 1. Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her  
20 official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of  
21 Consumer Affairs.

22 2. On or about May 31, 1976, the Board of Registered Nursing issued Registered Nurse  
23 License Number 265968 to Carol Louise Wedgeworth (Respondent). The Registered Nurse  
24 License expired on May 31, 2012, and has not been renewed.

25 **JURISDICTION**

26 3. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Registered Nursing (Board),  
27 Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section  
28 references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

4. Section 2750 of the Business and Professions Code (Code) provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may discipline any licensee, including a licensee holding a temporary or an inactive license, for any reason provided in Article 3 (commencing with section 2750) of the Nursing Practice Act.

5. Section 2764 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee or to render a decision imposing discipline on the license. Under section 2811(b) of the Code, the Board may renew an expired license at any time within eight years after the expiration.

## STATUTORY PROVISIONS

6. Section 2761 of the Code states:

The board may take disciplinary action against a certified or licensed nurse or deny an application for a certificate or license for any of the following:

(a) Unprofessional conduct, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:

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(4) Denial of licensure, revocation, suspension, restriction, or any other disciplinary action against a health care professional license or certificate by another state or territory of the United States, by any other government agency, or by another California health care professional licensing board. A certified copy of the decision or judgment shall be conclusive evidence of that action.

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## COST RECOVERY

7. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case, with failure of the licentiate to comply subjecting the license to not being renewed or reinstated. If a case settles, recovery of investigation and enforcement costs may be included in a stipulated settlement.

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1 **CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

2 **(Unprofessional Conduct – Disciplinary Action by Another Health Care Agency –**  
3 **Texas Board of Nursing)**

4 8. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 2761, subdivision (a)(4), on  
5 the grounds of unprofessional conduct in that Respondent was disciplined by the Texas Board of  
6 Nursing for violation of Texas Occupations Code sections 301.452(b)(10) (unprofessional or  
7 dishonorable conduct that in the board's opinion is likely to deceive, defraud, or injure a patient  
8 or the public) and 30152(b)(13) (failure to care adequately for a patient or to conform to the  
9 minimum standards of acceptable nursing practice in a manner that in the board's opinion  
10 exposes a patient or other person unnecessarily to risk of harm). The circumstances are as  
11 follows:

12 9. On or about September 20, 2009, while employed as a staff relief nurse with  
13 Supplemental Health Care, Park City, Utah, and on assignment at the University of Texas  
14 Medical Branch-Correctional Managed Care, Estelle Unit, Huntsville, Texas, Respondent  
15 administered to patients normal saline and Heparin intravenous (IV) flushes prepared by another  
16 nurse. Respondent's conduct created an unsafe environment for patients.

17 10. On or about September 20, 2009, while employed as a staff relief nurse with  
18 Supplemental Health Care, Park City, Utah, and on assignment at the University of Texas  
19 Medical Branch-Correctional Managed Care, Estelle Unit, Huntsville, Texas, Respondent  
20 inappropriately used the same syringe to flush the needleless peripherally inserted central catheter  
21 (PICC) lines of two patients. Respondent's conduct unnecessarily placed patients at risk of harm  
22 from infection resulting from cross-contamination.

23 11. On or about January 27, 2011, Respondent entered into a stipulated settlement with  
24 the Texas Board of Nursing whereby Respondent's Texas Board of Nursing License No. 726981  
25 was placed on probation with certain terms and conditions which included remedial education to  
26 be completed within one year from the date of the stipulation.

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1 **PRAYER**

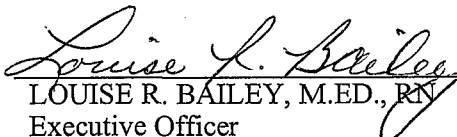
2 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,  
3 and that following the hearing, the Board of Registered Nursing issue a decision:

4 1. Revoking or suspending Registered Nurse License Number 265968, issued to Carol  
5 Louise Wedgeworth;

6 2. Ordering Carol Louise Wedgeworth to pay the Board of Registered Nursing the  
7 reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and  
8 Professions Code section 125.3;

9 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

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11 DATED: FEBRUARY 20, 2013

  
LOUISE R. BAILEY, M.ED., RN  
Executive Officer  
Board of Registered Nursing  
Department of Consumer Affairs  
State of California  
Complainant

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